

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

(Hon. Peter C. Lewis)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MARIA TAMAYO-GALVAN, CARLOS  
RIVAS-VEGA, ALBERTO TAMAYO-  
RODRIGUEZ  
Defendant.

) Criminal Case No.: 08CR3997JAH  
) Magistrate Case No.: 08MJ9085  
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**ORDER FOR THE VIDEOTAPE  
DEPOSITIONS OF THE MATERIAL  
WITNESSES**

Pursuant to the motion of material witnesses Luis Guillen-Asta, Laura Ruiz-Lopez, Jose Angel Velasquez-Mendez, Elizabeth Garcia Lovera, Giovanni Diaz-Lopez, and Tomas Rosas-Perez [the "Material Witnesses"], by and through their attorneys, Robert E. Schroth Jr. and Christopher Locke, by appearance of the parties and their respective counsel, and good cause appearing:

1. Unless the Material Witnesses are previously released from custody of both the U.S. Marshall and the United States Border Patrol, the Material Witnesses, Susi Santis-Mendez, Luis Guillen-Asta, Laura Ruiz-Lopez, Jose Angel Velasquez-Mendez, Elizabeth Garcia-Lovera, Giovanni Diaz-Lopez, and Tomas Rosas-Perez shall be deposed, commencing on January 7,

1 2008 at 9:00 a.m. The deposition will be held at the U.S. Attorney's office in San Diego,  
2 California. An employee of the U.S. Attorney's office shall serve as the videotape operator.

3 2. All parties shall attend the depositions. The arresting agency shall bring the Material  
4 Witnesses to the deposition and remain present during the proceeding. If the defendant(s) are in  
5 custody, they shall be brought separately to the depositions and a marshal shall remain present  
6 during the entire proceeding.

7 3. The United States Attorney's Office shall arrange for a court-certified interpreter to be  
8 present for the Material Witnesses, if necessary. The cost of the interpreter for the Material  
9 Witnesses will be borne by the United States. See 28 U.S.C. § 1827(c)(2).

10 4. If a defendant needs an interpreter independent of the Material Witnesses' interpreter (if  
11 any), defense counsel will arrange for a court-certified interpreter to be present. The cost of a  
12 separate interpreter shall be paid by the court.

13 5. The U.S. Attorney's Office shall arrange for a certified court reporter to be present. The  
14 court reporter shall stenographically record the testimony and serve as a notary and preside at  
15 the depositions in accordance with Rule 28(a), Fed. R. Civ. P. The cost of the court reporter  
16 shall be borne by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

17 6. The depositions shall be videotape recorded. Prior to the conclusion of each deposition,  
18 the deponent, or a party, may elect to have the deponent review the videotape record of his  
19 depositions and to note any changes. Any errors or changes, and the reasons for making them,  
20 shall be stated in writing and such writing shall be signed by the deponent(s).

21 7. The videotape operator shall select and supply all equipment required to videotape and  
22 audiotape the depositions and shall determine all matters of staging and technique, such as  
23 number and placement of cameras and microphones, lighting, camera angle, and background.

1 He/she shall determine these matters in a manner that accurately reproduces the appearance of  
2 the witnesses and assures clear reproduction of each witness' testimony and the statements of  
3 counsel. The witnesses, or any party to the action, may place upon the record any objection to  
4 the videotape operator's handling of any of these matters. Such objection shall be considered  
5 by the Court in ruling on the admissibility of the video and/or audiotape record. All such  
6 objections shall be deemed waived unless made promptly after the objector knows, or has  
7 reasonable grounds to know, of the basis of such objection.

8. The Material Witnesses shall be deposed in an order as determined the Assistant United  
9 States Attorney conducting the depositions for the prosecution. The deposition shall be  
10 recorded in a fair, impartial, objective manner. The videotape equipment shall be focused on  
11 the witness; however, the videotape operator may from time to time focus upon charts,  
12 photographs, exhibits or like material being shown to the witness during the deposition.

13. Before examination of the witnesses, the notary shall state on the video/audio record:  
14 (a) his/her name and address; (b) the date, time and place of the deposition; (c) the name of the  
15 witness and the caption of the action; and (d) the identity of the parties and the names of all  
16 persons present in the room. The notary shall then swear the witness on the video record.  
17 Further, at the beginning of the examination by each counsel, the counsel shall identify  
18 himself/herself and his/her respective client on the record. If more than one videotape is used,  
19 the notary shall repeat items (a), (b) and (c) at the beginning of each new tape.

20. The videotape operator shall not stop the video recorder after the deposition commences  
21 until it concludes, except, however, that any party may request a cessation for a brief recess,  
22 which request will be honored unless another party objects and states the basis for said objection  
23 on the record. Each time the tape is stopped or started, the videotape operator shall announce  
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1 the time on the record. If the deposition requires the use of more than one tape, the end of each  
2 tape and the beginning of the next shall be announced orally on the video record by the  
3 operator.

4 11. Testimonial evidence objected to shall be recorded as if the objection had been overruled  
5 and the court shall rule on the objections prior to admitting that portion of the deposition. The  
6 party raising the objection(s) shall be responsible for preparing a transcript for the court to  
7 consider. All objections to the evidence presented shall be deemed waived unless made during  
8 the deposition.

9 12. If requested by a party, the deposition testimony, if offered other than for impeachment,  
10 may be presented in non-stenographic audio/visual format, in which case no transcript need be  
11 prepared in advance of trial, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 32(c).

12 13. Copies of all exhibits utilized during the videotaped deposition shall be marked for  
14 identification during the deposition and filed along with the videotape.

15 14. At the conclusion of each deposition, the Government and defendants will advise the  
16 material witnesses' attorney if they intend to object to the release of the material witnesses. If  
17 the parties do not object to the witnesses' release, the Government and defense attorney will  
18 immediately approve an order for the material witnesses' release from custody. The  
19 Government will provide the witnesses with a subpoena for the trial date, a travel advance fund  
20 letter, and written authorization to enter the United States to testify at trial.

21 15. If either party objects to the release of the material witnesses, the objecting party must  
22 immediately request in writing a hearing on the issue before the District Court within four  
23 business hours after the deposition is concluded. At the hearing, the objecting party must be  
24 prepared to show why the release of the material witnesses is not appropriate under 18 U.S.C. §

1 3144. If, after the hearing, the Court decides to release the material witnesses, the material  
2 witnesses' attorney should file the witness release order immediately. Again, the Government  
3 must serve the witnesses with a trial subpoena, a travel fund advance letter, and written  
4 authorization to legally enter the United States to testify at trial before the material witnesses are  
5 released.

7 16. Upon request by either party, the videotape operator shall provide a copy of the  
8 videotape deposition to the requesting party at the requesting party's expense. After preparing  
9 the requested copies, if any, the videotape operator shall turn the original videotape over to the  
10 notary along with a certificate signed by the videotape operator attesting that the videotape is an  
11 accurate and complete record of the deposition.

13 17. The notary shall file this original tape, along with any exhibits offered during the  
14 deposition, with the Court in a sealed envelope marked with the caption of the case, the name of  
15 the witness and the date of the deposition. To that envelope, the notary shall attach the sworn  
16 statement that the videotape is accurate and complete record of the recorded deposition and  
17 certification that the witness was duly sworn by the officer.

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1       18. To the extent that the procedures set forth herein for the videotaping vary from those set  
2       forth in Rules 28 and 30 F. R.Civ. P., these variations are found to be for good cause shown as  
3       allowed by F. R. Civ. P. 29.  
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5       19. Unless waived by the parties, the notary must give prompt notice to all parties of the  
6       filing of the videotape record of the deposition with the Court pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 30(f)(3).  
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**It Is So Ordered.**

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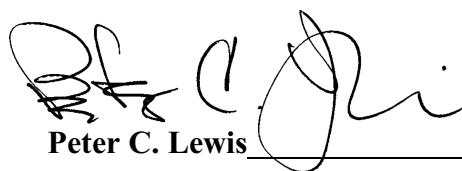
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Peter C. Lewis

**United States Magistrate Judge**

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